

Resolution No.

# STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

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## **RESOLUTION APPROVING FINDINGS AND AWARDING A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR \$1,513,567.59 WITH AQUEOUS VETS, LLC FOR ION EXCHANGE RESIN MEDIA EXCHANGE SERVICES**

The Municipal Utilities Department (MUD) operates groundwater wells as part of the South Stockton System, which supplements water supply during peak demands or dry years; and

In 2024, MUD completed the construction of wellhead treatment improvements to rehabilitate South Stockton System Groundwater Well Rehabilitation at Well SSS8 to meet the State Water Resources Control Board Drinking Water Standards and the requirements of California law; and

Proper maintenance of the wellhead treatment requires frequent replacement of ion exchange resins used in the treatment process; and

AqueoUS Vets, LLC is the only supplier able to complete a media change of the ion exchange resin and properly dispose of the used ion exchange resins; and

The use of a different resin would require staff to design and install a different filtration system; and

Staff recommends the City Council award a five-year contract to AqueoUS Vets, LLC for ion exchange resin media exchange services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,513,567.59, to maintain system performance, meet drinking water standards and the requirements of California Law; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council approves the following findings pursuant to Stockton Municipal Code Section 3.68.070 to support and justify an exception to the competitive bidding process:

- a. Ion exchange media has a limited service life and must be replaced periodically to preserve the quality of the filtration treatment process and the production of high-quality drinking water.
- b. It is in the public interest to establish a maintenance program to preserve system integrity and reliability, meet drinking water standards, and the requirements of State and Federal law.

- c. Maintaining the drinking water production system with the current type of resins is more cost-effective than replacing them with a different filtration system due to the supporting infrastructure, piping, structures, connections, electrical, tooling, and instrumentation in place for the existing ion exchange system. Therefore, using the current type of resins is in the best interest of the public.
- d. AqueoUS Vets, LLC is the only vendor that supplies the ion exchange resins used in the wellhead treatment and capable of replacing ion exchange media services that are the correct type for Groundwater Well SSS8 wellhead treatment.

2. The City Council authorizes a five-year contract with AqueoUS Vets, LLC for ion exchange media exchange services at a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,513,567.59, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by this reference.

3. The City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to take appropriate and necessary actions to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED December 9, 2025.

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CHRISTINA FUGAZI  
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

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KATHERINE ROLAND, CMC, CPMC  
City Clerk of the City of Stockton